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SUBJECT: U.S.-China Bilateral on Margins of Seventh North Pacific
Coast Guard Forum, Sanya, China, October 25: Coast Guard Vice
Admiral and PRC Maritime Safety Administration Deputy Director
General Li Qingping

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accordingly.

¶1. (SBU) Vice Admiral Wurster, Commander of the Coast Guard's
Pacific Area, told Deputy Director General Li Qingping of the
Maritime Safety Administration (under the Ministry of
Communications), at an October 25 bilateral meeting on the margins
of the Seventh North Pacific Coast Guard Forum that the U.S. wanted
to partner with China on projects relating to safety, security and
environmental protection that had been tabled at the September 2006
International Maritime Organization meeting in Kuala Lumpur. The
U.S. and China, the Admiral said, had a vested interest in the
success of the IMO programs, especially as they applied to the
Straits of Malacca.

¶2. (SBU) In response to the Admiral's question, DDG Li said that
China supported three programs in particular, all of which required
some training and data exchange:

-- The replacement and maintenance of navigational aids that had
been damaged after the tsunami in December 2004;

-- Availability of real time data on tides, wind and currents in the
Singapore Strait; and

-- The handling of hazardous noxious substances in the seas.

¶3. (SBU) Admiral Wurster said that these were the same three areas
in which the U.S. was interested. Details, he suggested, could be
discussed at the December Tripartite Technical Experts Group (TTEG),
and he expressed hope that the U.S and China could work together to
support the Littoral states of Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia.
In response to DDG Li's statement that he was not aware of the TTEG,
Admiral Wurster designated Coast Guard Liaison in Beijing Captain
Bernard Moreland and Commander Raras, on his staff,, as the USG
points of contact for exchanging information on TTEG matters. DDG Li
designated Mr. Song and Mr. Li as the Chinese contacts. DDG Li
added that it was important for both sides to work on the safety of
maritime transport in the Straits of Malacca, but also noted that
this was an important responsibility of the Littoral states as well.
Admiral Wurster agreed that those states had key responsibilities,
but emphasized the critical nature of the U.S. and China in
extending a "helping hand" to ensure success. He concluded that we
looked forward to working with China to find ways to extend that
"helping hand."

¶4. (U) Participants:

U.S.

Charles Wurster, Vice Admiral, Commander, Coast Guard Pacific Area

Robert Goldberg, U.S. Consul General, Guangzhou

Bernard Moreland, Captain, Coast Guard Liaison, U.S. Embassy,
Beijing

Patrick Markowitz, Regional Advisor, Asia Pacific, U.S. Coast Guard

Manuel Raras, Commander, Policy Advisor to Admiral Wurster

Ronald Feng, U.S. Consulate, Guangzhou

China

Li Qingping, Deputy Director General, the Maritime Safety
Administration

Song Zhen, Director, Department of Maritime Traffic Management

Ning Bo, Department of Ship Supervision

Mr. Li, General Office of the Maritime Safety Administration

15. (U) This cable was cleared by Admiral Allen's staff.

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